# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

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TARGETED PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra have requested the Union Government to increase thenumber of TPDS beneficiaries in the State on the basis of increased ppopulation as per 2001 census;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI PRADHAN )

(a),(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. Government of Maharashtra has requested for increasing the number of BPL beneficiaries under TPDS from 65.34 lakhs to 69.34 lakhs on the basis of the increased population as per the 2001 census.

The allocation of foodgrains at subsidized Central Issue Prices (CIPs) for BPL families is made as per the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for the year 1993-94 based on the methodology of the `Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and number of poor` constituted by the Planning Commission. At the time of introduction of TPDS the BPL families were estimated on the population projections of 1995. From December, 2000 onwards, the BPL families are being estimated as per the population projections as on 1.3.2000, thereby increasing the total number of BPL families from 596.23 lakh to 652.03 lakh at the National level.

As per the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission and projected population as on1.3.2000, the number of BPL households in the State of Maharashtra is estimated to be 65.34 lakhs. This basis of estimation of BPL families for allocation of foodgrains under TPDS is uniform for all the States and cannot be altered for one State in isolation.